GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4935
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
WELFARE OF MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN
ALE NARENDRA;JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes formulated by the Union Government for the welfare of the mentally disabled children in the country ;

(b) the names of institution`s set up or likely to be set up for making proper arrangements for the development of these children State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose during 1999-2000 and the amount earmarked for the year 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) A number of schemes/programmes are being implemented for the welfare of persons with disabilities, including mental disabilities. These are:

(i) Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilites under which voluntary organizations are given grant-in-aid for, inter alia for special schools-cum-vocational training centres for children with disabilities, including mental disabilities:

(ii) The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, MentalRetardation and Multiple Disabilities. This has a provision for appointment of guardians, making arrangements for persons with mental disabilities to live in the community, providing residential facilities and supporting those who do not have parents and guardians:

(iii) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) has provision for persons with disabilities, including mental disabilities in the age range of 18-55 years who are eligible to utilize the micro financing scheme of which loan facility is made available for self-employment;

(iv) Scheme of Assistance to Disabled persons for Purchase/Fitting of aids and appliances (ADIP)suitable learning materials, educational kits and aids and appliances are made available to persons to disabilities, including those with mental disabilities through voluntary organizations;

(v) Over 100 districts have been identified for providing rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities, including mental disabilities at their doorsteps; and

(vi) National Institute for Mentally Handicaped, Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh). This Institute is working in the area of mental disability.

(vii) In addition a number of benefits and concessions are available to persons to disabilities which include train travelconcession along with an escort, income tax deduction for parents of persons with mental retardation, choice of posting to govt. employees having children with mental disabilities etc.

(b) The number of special schools working in the country for persons with mental disabilities, as on 5/10/99, is enclosed.

(c) During 1999-2000, a provision of Rs. 204.49 crores was provided for the Disability sector, including mental disabilities, in the budget of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. The provision during the Current financial year, 2000-2001 is Rs. 292.85 crore. This does not include provision for Miscellaneous Scheme.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4935, RAISED BY JAINBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA,DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA, SHRI A. NARENDRA, SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN, A WELFARE OF MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

NO. OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS WORKING IN THE COUNTRY FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION

Sl.No.	State	Schools
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1

2	Andhra Pradesh	134
3	Assam	4
4	Bihar	21
5	Chandigarh	4
6	Goa	7
7	Gujarat	39
8	Haryana	18
9	Himachal Pradesh	4
10	Karnataka	85
11	Kerala	126
12	Madhya Pradesh	27
13	Maharashtra	98
14	Manipur	2
15	Meghalaya	2
16	Mizoram	3
17	New Delhi	42
18	Orissa	36
19	Pondicherry	1
20	Punjab	2
21	Rajasthan	19
22	Tamil Nadu	69
23	Tripura	3
24	Uttar Pradesh	24
25	West Bengal	61
	TOTAL	832

Note: Includes Special Schools run by Parents Association and Integrated Schools.